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Appl. No.: 09/955,668 Confirmation No.: 1236
Applicant: Shuzo Sato
Filed: September 19, 2001
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Examiner: Wesley A. Nicolas
Docket No.: 075834.00110
Customer No.: 33448

AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

S I R:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to April 22, 2004. Applicant has included a check in the amount of \$950.00 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

In response to the Office Action of October 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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